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The EDITOR Speaks

Lawmakers Should Withdraw Tax Aid for Parochial School Books

It is to be hoped that the 1959 Oregon Legislature will reverse the action of the 1957 Legislature in permitting tax money to be used in aiding parochial schools. To be sure, the aid was only for textbooks. But the principle of separation of church and state is violated by the channeling of **any** tax dollars into parochial-school purposes.

If one sect is to get public money, all religious bodies should. However, the idea of religious groups reaching into the tax coffers would create conflict, foster intolerance, and set back the cause of all religions. The founders of the Constitution were wise indeed to provide for the separation of church and state.

The man who has no car has to pay for the street in front of his house. The man who owns an empty lot and no house has to help support the fire department. The man with no children has to pay school taxes. The man who lives a law-abiding life has to contribute to the support of a police force. Should religious taxpayers be different? Should one who dislikes public schools be granted tax consideration in behalf of his favorite private school?

Advocates of parochial schools would be very unhappy if laws were passed to force all parochial-school students to read the public-school texts. They would undoubtedly point to the principle of separation of church and state and declare that control of reading matter is just as vital to propagating their faith as the actual teaching process is. They would thus give away their secret: namely, that they want tax money, and in order to get it they will overlook the principle of separation of church and state when it is to their advantage to do so.

No one desires to deprive them of the right to pay their own children's way through parochial school. No one desires to prevent them from propagating their faith.

But each faith should propagate its belief out of its own money, not out of public funds! The current Legislature should take steps to see that no religious group delves into the public treasury!

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THE WORLD CONVENTION—
A World Fellowship

World Convention Set for Aug. 2-7, at Edinburgh

The date of the Sixth Assembly of the World Convention is August 2-7, 1960, (Tuesday to Sunday) and the place is Edinburgh, Scotland.

Office space has been secured by the World Convention in the new building recently erected and dedicated by the Board of Church Extension in Indianapolis. H.B. Holloway, Transportation Secretary for the Convention, will occupy this office, which was opened January 1, and will be closed August 31, 1960, following the Edinburgh Convention. Mr. Holloway will have responsibility for transportation, tours, registration fees, and housing accommodations in Edinburgh for the United States and Canada. His address is 110 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

About September 1 of this year, the Program Committee of the World Convention will be able to announce firm prices on ships, planes, and tours. Prices quoted so far in folders and elsewhere, are approximate and tentative. It is impossible to get definite prices before September 1, since ship and airplane companies, and also tour organizations, will not release their 1960 rates and schedules sooner than about one year in advance.

Many local congregations are planning to send their minister to Edinburgh, paying all or a part of his expenses. This is a gracious thing for a church to do. It is one way of making better preachers out of good ones. It is a wise investment and will pay big dividends. And if possible, the preacher's wife should be included.

KENNETH JOHNSTON (right), Society president, talks with Walter Myers, between sessions at last year's Assembly.

ROBERT NELSON

THOMAS GRIFFIN

SIX OUTSTANDING NATIONAL LEADERS WILL BE AT DALLAS FOR—

Oregon Christian Assembly, February 12 - 13

The program committee for the Oregon Christian Assembly has released complete details of the meeting, which is set for February 12-13, at the First Christian Church in Dallas.

SIX NATIONAL LEADERS

Six outstanding national leaders are featured on the program. They include Dr. John Ross, medical missionary to the Congo, widely known because of the television film, "Monganga"; Robert Nelson, executive secretary for the Africa missions of the United Christian Missionary Society; Hollis Turley, official of the Pension Fund; Thomas Griffin, director of Christian Action and Community Service for the Brotherhood; and Dr. and Mrs. Don McGavran, missionaries to India, presently engaged in student recruitment for specialized Christian service.

SESSIONS BEGIN THURSDAY MORNING

The program begins Thursday morning, February 12, at 10 o'clock, Philip Wolfe presiding. Leighton Dashiell, convention song leader, will open the session with group singing. Out-of-state participants in this, the initial session, include Hollie Turley and Robert Nelson; state leaders include Kenneth Johnston, president of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, Carroll Roberts, and Gene Robinson.

Each of the two days of the Asssembly there is a morning, afternoon, and evening session. Each session, through periods of worship, group singing, special music, and speaking, is designed to lead to inspiration. No business sessions are planned during the Assembly. An extra feature is the conversation groups, scheduled for Friday afternoon.

CHIEF ADDRESSES

Each of the guest leaders is to speak or participate several times during the two days. Dr. Ross will speak for the Friday evening banquet and for the Friday evening session; Robert Nelson will speak Thursday morning, Thursday evening, and Friday morning. Don McGavran will speak Thursday afternoon and Friday evening. Thomas Griffin will speak Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon. Hollis Turley will speak Thursday morning, Thursday afternoon, and Friday afternoon.

BANQUET SESSIONS

Each day there will be a banquet at 6 P.M. On Thursday, the banquet speaker will be Mrs. Don McGavran, and the mistress of ceremonies will be Mrs. David Nutting. On Friday, the banquet speaker will be Dr. John Ross, and the master of ceremonies will be Lester Jones.

Both banquets will be served in the new Whitworth School Auditorium at $1.50 per plate. Each church is to make reservations by February 3 for meals and housing and be responsible to pay for the number of registrations in the event they are not called for.

CONVERSATION GROUPS

On Friday afternoon at 3:15 the Assembly will divide into four groups, the "Conversation Groups." They are as follows: School of Missions, led by Mrs. Blewford Osburn, Miss Hattie Mitchell, and Robert Nelson; Evangelism and Church Development, led by William Piper, Sherman Moore, and Hollis Turley; Religious Education, led by Loma Mae Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. McGavran; and Social Action, led by Mrs. Frank Ritchey and Thomas Griffin.

STATE LEADERS PRESIDE

Besides those already mentioned as presiding, the following state leaders will share in the task of presiding over the several sessions: Mrs. Blewford Osburn, Robert Neal, Mrs. John Jordan, Kenneth Johnston, and Glyn Adsit.

Other state leaders who will participate in some way other than presiding will be Mrs. C. C. Smith, trustee of the International Convention; Wayne Greene, a director of the board, Oregon Christian Missionary Society; and Sherman B. Moore, newly called director of evangelism and church development for the State Society. This will be the first opportunity for most Oregon Christians to meet Sherman Moore, as he began his duties less than two weeks before the Assembly.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The final session will close with a communion service. Glyn Adsit and Philip Wolfe are in charge of arrangements for the service.

HOUSING

Members of the Dallas Christian church are opening their homes for overnight rooms at $1.50 each. There will also be a limited number of hotel and motel rooms available at current prices. Room reservations should be placed through the office of the First Christian Church in Dallas.

SPONSORSHIP

The Oregon Christian Assembly is sponsored by the Oregon Christian Missionary Society. The World Outreach Commission is in charge of program and arrangements. Mrs. John Jordan of Albany is the chairman.

Thomas Griffin Will Aid Area Meetings to Follow Oregon Christian Assembly

A follow-up activity after the Oregon Christian Assembly will be a series of area meetings, sponsored by the Christian Action and Community Service Commission. Mrs. Frank Ritchey is chairman of the Commission.

Rev. Thomas Griffin will be the guest leader for the meetings. He is the brotherhood's national leader for the Christian action and community service field.

The meetings are scheduled as follows: Monday, Feb. 16, at Mallory Avenue Christian Church in Portland; Tuesday, Feb. 17, at First Christian Church in Eugene; Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Medford; Thursday, Feb. 19, at Bend; Friday, Feb. 20, at La Grande.

All those who are interested in Christian action about social problems and community needs are invited to attend the meeting nearest to them.

Each of the meetings will include a workshop, led by Thomas Griffin and local leaders of the Christian Action Commission, with the assistance of resource personnel.

The series will be preceded by an informal meeting at the home of Mrs. Gerald Wood in Milwaukie on Saturday, Feb. 14, in honor of Rev. Griffin. Rev. Griffin will speak in the Mallory Avenue Christian Church, Sunday morning, Feb. 15, and in the evening at the School of Missions of the Kern Park Christian Church.

Order Texts Now for Vacation Church School

God and His World is the theme of the recommended texts for use this summer in Vacation Church School. It is time to order materials now.

Texts include:

God and His World, by Lois H. Young. A course to guide kindergarten children through experiences to discover some of the wonders of God's world and to recognize God as the creator. Teacher's text, $1.25. Pupil's book, $.30.

The Earth Is Full of His Riches, Rebecca Rice. Man's use of soil, light, water, and other riches and his gratitude to God for them are emphasized for primary age. Teacher's text, $2.50. Pupil's Packet, $.35.

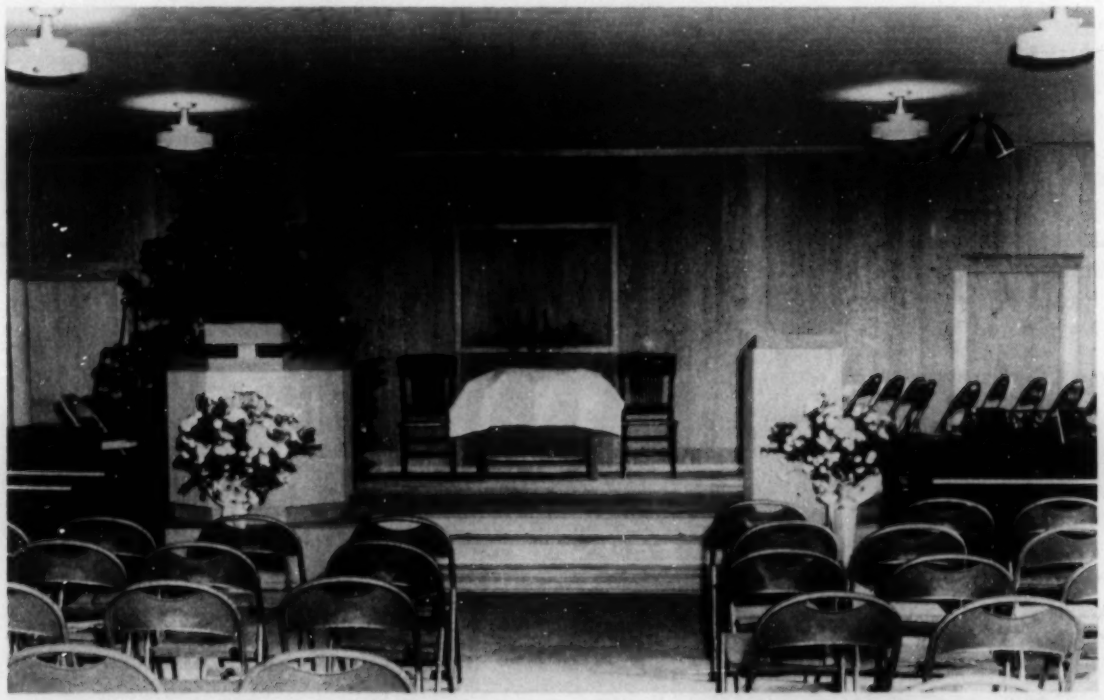
Finding God through Work and Worship, Mary E. McWhirter. For juniors (grades 4-6), this course tries to bring an understanding of the presence of God in our work and our worship. Teacher's text, $1.50. Pupil's book, $.50.

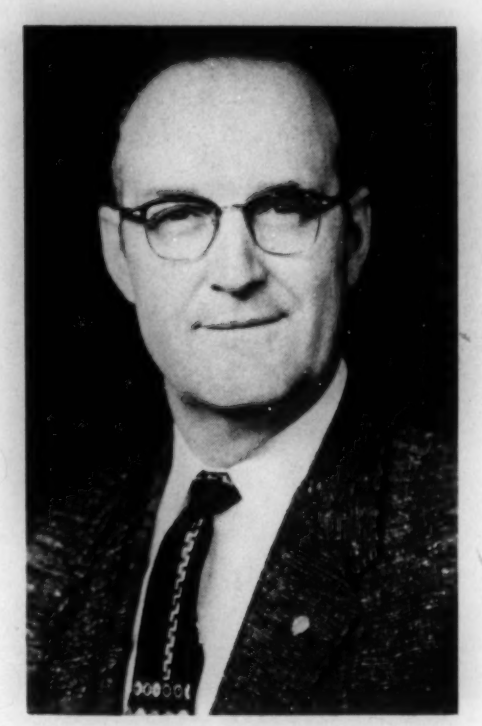
God in Our Lives, Estelle Blanton Barber. Fellowship with and understanding of God are the goals of this course for junior highs (grades 7-9). Teachers' text, $1.50. Pupil's book, $.40.

All the above materials may be ordered from Christian Board of Publication, Box 179, St. Louis 3, Missouri.

Ask your District Chairman of Children's work or Miss Loma Mae Jones, Director of Christian Education for the State, for further information or help about Vacation Church School materials.

INTERIOR of the new building of the John Day Christian Church. Dedication is planned for around the first of March. Phil Ryan is pastor of this church.





JACK SUTTON

ATTENTION, MEN!

National Leader Here for February Retreats

"The greatest men's retreat of all" is the phrase Leo Quakenbush, program director, uses to describe the forthcoming men's retreat at Camp Magruder, north of Tillamook, on February 20, 21, and 22. Sessions begin at 7:30 Friday evening and end at 1:30 Sunday afternoon.

Jack Sutton, national men's leader, will be the guest leader at the retreat. Mr. Sutton has had experience as a farmer, school teacher, athlete, salesman, electrician, engineer, and business owner and manager which makes it possible for him to speak with understanding to men of varied interests.

As owner and manager of the Sutton Heating and Electrical Engineering Company of Denver, he operated a Christian business which had as its motto, "In Partnership with God." While operating this business, Mr. Sutton served the brotherhood as a "dollar-a-year man" and traveled across the country to give leadership and inspiration to churchmen.

Having proved that business can be Christian, Mr. Sutton sold his business to a Christian employee in 1951 and accepted a call to become national field director of men's work for the Christian churches.

The total cost of everything for the three days of the retreat, including food and lodging, is $6.25.

On the week end following the retreat at Camp Magruder, Jack Sutton will lead the Eastern Oregon Men's Retreat at Hot Lake (near La Grande), February 28 - March 1.

ALGER AND BETTY FITCH bicycled daily from Stayton to the Turner Convention of 1957, to get into condition for their round-the-world trip to see brotherhood mission stations.

Alger Fitch Resigns; Will Study for Ph. D.

Alger Fitch, minister at the Milwaukie Church of Christ, has submitted his resignation, to become effective July 1. He plans to study for a doctor's degree, with the ultimate goal of teaching. He will begin the study of language at Northwest Christian College and University of Oregon, and he plans to complete his study at Princeton.

Alger Fitch has been pastor at the Milwaukie church since it was organized, in 1941. Since that time the church has grown swiftly, to become one of the strong congregations of the state.

Alger and Mrs. Fitch completed in the early months of 1958 a round-the-world trip which began late in 1957. This trip took them to the major foreign-mission fields of the Disciples of Christ.

"We are very sorry to lose a good pastor," reports the Milwaukie church, "but we are backing him in this new venture."

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401 Park Street
Dayton, Washington

Dear Editor:

Just wanted to say I do enjoy your paper. It keeps me posted on what the Oregon churches are doing. Sometimes I see something about old friends I used to know when in Oregon. Thanks to my sister, Mrs. A. K. Berman of Corvallis, who makes this possible.

Mrs. Fred L. McCaw

February 8, Race Relations Sunday, Brings Suggestions for Observance

February 8, 1959, marks the 37th annual observance of Race Relations Sunday by the Protestant Churches throughout the United States.

Churches across our country are being tested in the light of their attitudes and practices regarding the race question. What wil your church's positive contributions be to the problem?

The Christian Action Committee of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society suggests that one or more of the following ideas (contributed by Thomas Griffin) could be well used in current and long-range planning for the observance:

1. Arrange for an exchange of ministers and a representative portion of the congregations with another racial group.

2. Support legislation designed to guarantee full opportunity for all people regardless of race, color or nationality; protesting against legislation aimed at maintaining segregation and racial discrimination.

3. Take a public stand for obedience to Federal law and against mob violence as it relates, particularly, to the school situation.

4. Write an encouraging letter to persons who are suffering because of the race crisis, especially to the youth of the various schools.

5. Pray without ceasing for a better understanding and appreciation among and between the races of mankind.

Two Amendments to State Society Constitution Will Be Voted on at Next Convention

Two amendments have been proposed to the constitution of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society. They were read before the annual business session of the Society at Turner last July, and they will come before the Assembly at Turner at the next annual business meeting in July 1959 for voting action.

Proposed Amendment to Article V, Board of Directors

Section 1. Election

(a) A nominating committee shall be named by the Board of Directors at least four months before the time of the annual meeting.

The nominating committee shall name at least two nominees for each directorship to be filled. To assure and maintain state-wide representation, due regard shall be given to the general areas of East, Central, South, Coastal, and Valley. The election shall be for each specific directorship, with the nominees from the same area, rather than taking the seven high names as per ballot cast.

Proposed Amendment Concerning Permanent Fund

At the present time no formal action or legislation by the Society or its Board of Directors governs the Permanent Fund. In order to retain the Fund in its present state and function, the following amendment is proposed to the Constitution:

AMENDMENT I PERMANENT FUND

Section 1. Establishment of Fund.

Monies, stocks and outstanding loans listed on the Treasurer's Reports of June 30, 1958, as Permanent Fund, which represent the accumulation of funds for permanent investment since June 1918, are hereby established as a permanent trust fund.

Section 2. Purpose

This fund shall be used for aiding churches in acquiring property, constructing building, liquidating previous obligations, or other sound reasons approved by the Board of Directors. Priority shall be given to new churches for construction of their first building.

Section 3. Method

a) Churches desiring to make use of these funds shall make application to the Executive Secretary.

b) Upon receipt of the application, the Executive Secretary shall visit the church in question and make a detailed survey of the church and its projected use of the funds. The Executive Secretary shall work out with the church a definite schedule of repayment.

c) If in the opinion of the Executive Secretary the funds should be made available, his decision must be ratified by the Board of Directors.

d) If the Board of Directors approves the making available the requested funds, the stated amount shall be made available to the church at an interest rate approved by the Board of Directors upon surrender of a proper mortgage or note.

Calling All Youth!

CYF Commission Will Meet at Eugene, Mar. 6-7

Loren Arnett, minister of the Broadway Christian Church in Yakima, Washington, will be guest speaker for the annual state CYF Commission, to be held Friday and Saturday, March 6-7, 1959, at the First Christian Church in Eugene.

Mr. Arnett will be speaking on the general theme: Seek Ye the Living Christ. He will deliver three major addresses.

Young people of senior-high age from Christian Churches are eligible to attend. Each church may enroll a maximum of 7 young people and 2 adult counselors. The registration fee, which includes three meals, insurance, and program materials, will be $3.50.

The pre-registration deadline is February 22. Registration blanks must be accompanied by the one-dollar pre-registration fee.

One of the highlights of Commission will be the election of new state officers for Oregon CYF. A nominating committee will meet prior to Commission and present a report at the annual business session Saturday afternoon.

Many youth groups throughout the state are assisting in preparations for Commission.

Commission will conclude Saturday evening with installation of new officers and with a communion service.

KITCHEN POLICE inevitably follow where hungry youth have been. Dr. Wayne Greene (left) did yoeman service at last year's Commission at Salem.

Mission Opporotunity in New York Revealed to—

OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—By Edna L. Burke

On behalf of the C.W.F. state Board I want to express sincere appreciation for the many lovely cards and personal messages that came during the holiday season. It is good to be remembered especially at Christmas time.

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Several of our mutual friends, the missionaries now serving in other lands — the Kenneth Hendricks, Aigi and Kiyo Kamikawa, and the Del Troxells in Japan; Eva Marie Johnson in Mexico; Itoko Meada in Okinawa; Courtney and Lois Swander currently studying the Spanish language in San Jose, Costa Rica, in preparation for missionary work in Mexico — are all very busy but not too busy to remember us in America.

Just a few excerpts from some of the letters. Del and Martha Troxell now serving in Tokyo commented about the fact that one store advertised that they were spending a million yen to decorate a tree. In contrast the Troxells pointed out that many flood victims were cold and hungry and countless Christian churches need to be built.

Courtney and Lois say that learning Spanish is a real responsibility. "We have classes all morning every day and are expected to spend five hours per day in practice." One hundred and fifty students representing 35 different religious bodies are preparing for missionary work there; so they have a wide fellowship."

Grace and Kenneth Hendricks have been spending some time in celebration of their fortieth wedding anniversary exploring some of the towns and bits of countryside hitherto not visited by them. With money saved on "a dime a day" basis they are visiting churches and villages, staying in the homes of friends. They stood with bowed heads and moist eyes before the Children's Memorial (sculpture) at Hiroshima and read the inscription on the statue paid for by the children all over the land. It says, "This is our cry, this is our prayer, that man work for peace."

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Recent news releases from our brotherhood office say that so many people have moved from their island in the Caribbean to New York City that it has been said "Disciples of Christ have their greatest home mission opportunity in Greater New York."

Many of them are members of churches which were started by our church in the Puerto Mission. Largely on their own they established five churches and several preaching points in Greater New York. Their stewardship is outstanding.

The Albany First Church C.W.F. was host to the members of the state Christian Women's Fellowship board on January 20-21, the occasion being the mid-year meeting of the board. They were entertained in home overnight and guests at a luncheon at the church on January 21. The Board made plans for the spring district workshops to be held in May.

Kansas Couple Praises Missionary's Work

Rev. and Mrs. Russell M. Bythewood of Kansas City, Kans., report a recent visit to the island of Okinawa in which they met Miss Itoko Maeda, Disciple representative sent by The United Christian Missionary Society.

"What a bundle of energy she is," they say. "In two years she has organized 14 women's groups, conducted a youth camp each year, raised money for a widow's home (now under construction), and preached every Sunday."

In addition, she has founded the Okinawa Christian College and teaches religious education there, the Bythewoods note. Other missionaries had for two years been trying to start such a college. Within five months of her arrival, she had assembled 40 students and nine teachers, eight of whom are Christians, to begin classes.

Idaho Church Calls Don Ross, Salem Pastor

Don Ross, who has served as associate minister at the First Christian Church in Salem for more than two years, has resigned, to accept a call to the pastorate of the First Christian Church in Jerome, Idaho. The Idaho church has been without a minister since September 1. Rev. Ross expected to begin his ministry there on February 1.

The Salem church board accepted the resignation, with "deep appreciation for the two years of life and service which Don and Ruth have shared with the church", according to the report in the Salem church newspaper. "We wish them every success in their new field of service," said the official board.

BANQUET MEETING during the 1959 Northwest Preachers Parliament at Northwest Christian College.

DR. WILLIAM R. BAIRD, JR., who delivered the N.C.C. New Testament Lectures, Jan. 13-15, 1959. He is an N.C.C. graduate.

SPRING STUDENT PREVIEW IS COMING EVENT AT—

Northwest Christian College

—by Dr. Ross J. Griffeth

The Northwest Preachers Parliament, held last January 13-15, proved to be a significant success. Dr. William R. Baird, Jr., The College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, brought a scholarly series of lectures on some of the teachings of Paul. It is expected that these lectures will be printed within a few months.

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Northwest Christian College Day in the churches is scheduled for April 12, 1959. This is the day which has been set aside nationally as Christian Higher Education Sunday. It is hoped that every congregation of Christian Churches will observe this special day and give the members an opportunity to make a special gift to demonstrate further their concern for Christian higher education and the training of a faithful Christian ministry.

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The Northwest Christian College Alumni Association, through its officers, is very active, in helping to enlist support of the ONE THOUSAND MILE ADVANCE in Quality Christian Education. An effort is being made to set a high record of participation by graduates and former students in both the current support and the buillding-fund support of the College.

The ONE THOUSAND MILE ADVANCE in Quality Christian Education is a program of enlistment to secure $528,000. to purchase property and erect new buildings at Northwest Christian College. The program is set up as a journey of 1,000 miles. Ten cents advances the program one foot. $30. advances it 300 feet or 100 yards. $528 advances the program one mile. Contributions to this program will be sought from now until June 30, 1960, but now is the time to help the journey along by making a gift or an estimate of giving. If you have not had the program presented in your church as yet, see to it that a date is set for such a presentation.

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The dates for the Spring Student Preview have been set for April 24, 25, 1959. High-school juniors and seniors and their adult sponsors are invited to the campus on these days to get a preview of Christian college life on the Northwest Christian College campus. Adult leaders of youth should begin planning now to bring their qualified young people to this Preview.

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During the pre-Easter week, which will be the Spring Vacation this year, all of the N.C.C. faculty members will be helping congregations in special efforts or will be presenting special programs in churches. The small Chorus plans to make a journey into Washington. The Male Quartet is scheduled to serve elsewhere. Many of the students will be heping their home churches in Easter evangelism.

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Now is the time for high-school seniors to fill out their application for admission to Northwest Christian College and begin preparations to enter N.C.C. next September. An early start means the best of preparation for beginning a college course. Just write and ask for the application for admission forms. The address is Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon.

With only a few more program vacancies to fill, the Convention Program Committee, under the leadership of Elby Boosinger announced in a recent planning session the following personalities secured for the June 30 - July 5 annual session: Keynote speakers will be Dr. Howard Short, Editor of the **Christian Evangelist-Front Rank,** and Fred Thompson, Jr., Pastor of the Englewood Christian Church in Chicago. Prof. and Mrs. William Siefke will conduct the morning devotional studies; and Dr. Lawrence Bixler will bring the Bible lectures during this session. The appearance of Dr. Jesse Bader on the convention program will be a notable highlight.

A permanent road-sign constructed in natural wood with carved lettering is planned for the entrance to the Convention grounds. Plans were also made for a program to enlist the services of "retired" members of the church who are free to spend a week of leisure fellowship on the grounds working on a number of grounds projects.

Lyle Nosler, Convention treasurer, reported a balance in the Convention treasury of $1613.36 as of January 9. Many congregations are sending him checks representing their support of the convention at his home address: 3535 SW Bancroft Court, Portland.

SOUTHGATE VICTORY

Earle Van Slyck, minister of the Southgate Christian Church in Portland, reports that in the evangelistic campaign just concluded there were 21 additions by baptism and 6 by transfer. The campaign was conducted by John Frye, national evangelist of the United Christian Missionary Society. Prior to the campaign there were 50 members in the Southgate church, one of the newest in the state.

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News of the Christian Student Centers

DULCINA ELLIOTT REPORTS FROM EUGENE

Two major Sunday evening discussion topics are arranged for winter term at the Eugene Christian House: "The Middle East" and "Neo-Orthodoxy". A new weekday discussion for students really seeking to find their way will begin on January 22 with Harley Cook serving as chairman.

A joint committee of students and adults has planned a series of three Sunday afternoon open-house programs, April 12-19-26, in honor of the tenth birthday of Christian House. It is hoped that all churches within driving distance of Eugene will plan to bring carloads of guests on those afternoons to get better acquainted with our campus ministry. There will be student participation, exhibits, birthday cake (of course), and fine Christian fellowship. Bring youth as well as adults.

Dr. John Ross of Africa will be the guest of Christian House at a 4 p.m. Coffee Hour on Thursday, Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday — an eagerly awaited visit.

During Preachers' Parliament, students invited those attending to an after-session coffee hour on Wednesday evening, and held a breakfast on the following morning at which the new brotherhood film on the campus ministry was shown. This film is available from the state office, complete with script and sound track. If your church has not used it, do so at your earliest possible date. It tells you what our church outreach on campus is.

The students held three showings on the Week of Compassion film, "The Long Stride," and commend it most highly.

The executive council meeting of the national DSF which met in Indianapolis during the holidays spent most of its time on (1) The Proposed merger of our student work with that of other groups on the national level, and (2) polishing the program for national DSF Ecclesia which will come in late August at Estes Park, Colorado. Harley Cook is our regional delegate on the executive committee.

FLAGS ON DISPLAY at the Corvallis Christian Student Center: Rev. Porter (left) holds flags representing countries of foreign students who have visited the Center, and Haweli Dilaweri from India holds the flag of his country.

LAWRENCE PORTER, CAMPUS MINISTER, CORVALLIS

The Oregon Christian Student Foundation is sharing with the Corvallis Christian Student Commission in the responsibility for procuring a campus minister, to succeed Rev. Lawrence Porter, whose resignation was announced in the January issue of the **Oregon Christian.**

The Foundation (which is the church-supported state-wide student agency) will appoint three people to meet in committee with three chosen by the Commission (the local governing body). Russel Adams of Corvallis is chairman of the committee.

A class on introduction to the Bible is being held at the Student Center each Friday evening. At noon Thursday another class, this one on courtship and marriage, is held. On Sunday morning the church-school class is studying the book of Romans in the New Testament. Lawrence Porter teaches these classes.

A new student, just arrived from Malaya, is staying at the Christian Student Center. He is Michael Leong, a student in civil engineering.

"North American Concerns" is the study theme of the Sunday-evening group for the next six weeks. Dave Osborne of California is chairman.

The Campus Religious Council at Oregon State College (in which the Disciples Student Fellowship participates) sponsored the "Religion in Life Week". January 18-23. The theme is "Ethical Tensions in a Technical Society." The principal speaker was Dr. Kermit Eby, professor of social science at the University of Chicago.

NEW EXTENSION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

First of Area Schools at Lebanon in April

The first of a series of Area Observation-Demonstration schools is planned for District 4, to be held at Lebanon First Christian Church, April 7-9, with Miss Loma Mae Jones, director of Christian education for the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, as leader.

The Area Schools are to take place of the State Laboratory School of former years, in order to meet the needs of more Christian education workers in a compact session and schedule. The same emphasis on outstanding and qualified instruction is to be followed. Student teachers will have the opportunity to observe experienced teachers and to follow up with evaluation and planning for further sessions.

The churches responsible for set-up plans for the District 4 school are: Albany First, represented by Mrs. Frances Kane and Mrs. R. C. Wright; Scio, Ed Nunn and Carrol Horner; Halsey; Lebanon, Charles Kilborn, Mrs. Virgil Stitt, and David Nutting; and Corvallis, Mrs. Ray Hewitt.

Church-school workers, Christian-education personnel, and adult leaders from all the churches in District 4 are invited and encouraged to attend. Demonstration Observation sessions for nursery and kindergarten age will be held during the day. Primary, junior, youth, and adult sessions are scheduled for the three evenings.

The theme of this School is God at Work in His World, with special emphasis on how to use the Bible with various ages. There will be a tie-in with vacation-church-school materials which are on this same theme.

Registration fee is $2.50, with a pre-registration date of March 15. One dollar is to accompany the pre-registration.

Members of the teaching staff obtained by the time the **Oregon Christian** went to press are Mrs. Walter Naff (Bellingham, Washington) — Nursery; Mrs. Steve Woodson (Eugene-First) — Kindergarten; Mrs. Ray Heckart (Salem - First) - Primary; Miss Elizabeth Gloyd (Bellingham, Washington) — Junior; and Mrs. Ansel Hyland (Eugene-First) - Youth.

Lebanon (First Christian) is host church for this school, with Mrs. Virgil Stitt as chairman of local arrangements. The School is under the sponsorship of the Education Commission of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society.

Margaret Hewitt

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PORTLAND-FIRST: One added by baptism, 9 otherwise. Harold Glen Brown, minister. **JEFFERSON:** One added by baptism. Christmas play presented by young people and choir. Eight young people and pastor went to Snow Camp at Bible Rock camp in Washington during Christmas vacation. Making preparations for meeting with Mel Byers in April. Mrs. Virgil Bailes, reporter. Floyd Mackler, pastor.

SUTHERLIN: Two added by baptism, 2 otherwise, 2 rededications. Bob Williams, high-school youth, was chosen in November as outstanding C.E. youth of the month in Douglas County, and in December his sister Paula, was chosen as outstanding for the intermediate C. E. youth. We concluded the year with a candlelight communion service at the close of a watch party on New Year's Eve. Harold Robbins, minister.

SALEM - FIRST: Had a watch night service with the youth in charge of program and worship service. Opened "Prayer Vigil" of Brotherhood with 24-hour prayer chain, January 1. Many expressed very favorable opinions for having participated in it. Planning for School of Missions, January 18 - Feb. 8. Held series of meetings for "School of Christian Living" with Alger Fitch, Wayne Greene, and Lawrence Bixler as speakers. Mrs. Clifton Peightal was speaker for the annual salmon dinner, January 28, which included dedication of a new dishwasher for the kitchen and a farewell for Don and Ruth Ross. Wayne Greene, minister.

EUGENE - FIRST: Three added by baptism, 5 otherwise. For tenth year, members of Masons were guest on "St. John's Day," December 28. The "Norsemen," popular singing group of Sons of Norway, presented a concert, January 4. On January 7, a "Church Officers' Dinner" launched a six-month program of Responsible Discipleship in two phases: membership cultivation, January 1 - Easter; and Christian stewardship, Easter to June 30. Harold Glen Brown, minister of Portland First, was the speaker and the meeting was well attended by board members and their wives or husbands. Helen Bingaman, reporter. Carroll C. Roberts, minister.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Our annual report for 1958 reveals service rendered to 32 guest members at a cost of $2.22 per guest day or $66.-60 per guest month. There were 31 guest members in the Home on Dec. 31. Figures taken from the report show a total of cash and labor contributions of $18,960.17 received from Oregon churches and individuals in addition to a truckload of lumber from one mill owner and many dollars worth of canned and packaged food items from others. The cash item includes all designated gifts for the nursing unit fund and for cottage and other improvements. The February bulletin of the Home includes a further summary of the 1958 operation. Christian love in action will maintain this ministry as the needs of 1959 are answered by your concern.

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OREGON CITY: Paying off mortgage on new building. Work at Willamette growing. Youth work is the largest and best in history. Howard Hutchins, minister.

EUGENE - UNIVERSITY: Two added by baptism, 5 otherwise. Dr. Lawrence Bixler directed a Christian Family Life series, January 8 - February 5. The children and youth classes were led by students from Dr. Bixler's classes at NCC. Throughout 1959 we will be celebrating the Golden Anniversary of our congregation, which was organized in 1909 as the East Side Christian Church. A special celebration and homecoming is planned for May 17. Leo Woodruff, pastor.

WALLOWA: Clifford Lindsey, local NCC student, spoke at the evening service, December 28. Our youth attended an executive meeting in Elgin, January 10. A mimeographed machine has been purchased and improvements made at parsonage. Lillie Scott, Clerk. Carl Moore, minister.

DALLAS: The last two Sundays of January were our beginning nights for the School of Missions, with Herbert McBee as director and a fine staff of teachers. We are now planning and looking forward to the Oregon Assembly. The ladies in the CWF are finishing up the canvassing for the city directory and also some remodeling work in the basement. We took part in the School of Christian Living which was held in Salem. We finished an "In-Service" training school for both junior high and high-school counselors, with 9 receiving credit. Phil Wolfe, minister.

PORTLAND-SOUTHEAST: We have just completed a week of prayer in which 48 different people participated. We feel that this experience was one of the major highlights in the life of the church. We are now in the middle of our month of missions, in which we are studying "Why Missions." Gene Chamberlain, minister.

SCIO: The officers were installed, January 4, during the morning worship service. The ladies are making plans for the Men's 90 and 9 dinner, January 26, with wives invited. The Sunday school is showing gains over last year. Mrs. Glenn O. Clayton, reporter. Carrol Horner, minister.

PORTLAND - MALLORY AVE.: We are in the midst of the seventh Annual World Friendship Family Nights. (School of Missions) — a five-week session. The theme is Frontiers of Faith, in keeping with the Centennial year of Oregon. Our CYF boys are participating in an interdenominational basketball league composed of six teams from the NE area of Portland. CMF is sponsoring an after-school athletic program for boys from the community and a class in auto mechanics for high-school-age boys. Clifford N. Trout, minister.

PORTLAND - KERN PARK: The sixth annual planning conference at Menucha was held January 9-10 with approximately 75 in attendance. The purpose of this planning conference is to discuss proposed plans and budgets of each commission for the church year. The Social Action Commission presented an outstanding program in January at the adult-discussion hours on Sunday evenings dealing with parent-youth relationships. Guest speakers were obtained for each presentation. Kenneth Johnston, minister.

NYSSA: One added by baptism, 1 by transfer. On December 14, the adult, junior and primary choirs presented the cantata, "The Night of the Star." On December 21, the church school presented "The Message of the Bells" for the annual Christmas Sunday evening program. The CYF spent a busy holiday season, including a youth rally at Payette, a youth rally at Caldwell, carolling with the local Protestant youth group, an overnight planning session at the Harold Sisson home, with Minister Earl Hastings leading the devotions at midnight.

MILTON-FREEWATER: The film, **God and the Atom,"** was a special feature of the annual New Year's Eve party. Large boxes of Christmas gifts from groups of the church were delivered to the Northwestern Christian Home and the Yakima Indian Christian Mission. A beautiful and impressive candlelight service was held Sunday evening, January 12. Glen Gibbons was chosen president of the local Council of Churches. Minister Truman Robbins and wife attended Preacher's Parliament at Eugene. Mrs. Frank Ritchey attended State Board meeting. Evangelistic campaign set from now until Easter, with concentrated calling March 16-19. Irene Warner, reporter.

YAMHILL: Annual congregational meeting held, January 11. New pastor's study finished. Two sudden deaths in church, Wm. Reimers, and Seva S. Sitton, who was an aunt of the pastor and taught the adult class here for over 30 years. Robert S. Kuykendall, minister.

McMINNVILLE: We are engaged in the Frontiers of Faith pre-Easter Evangelism project having had our Candlelight Commitment Communion service, January 8. We took part in the January 1 to Easter Prayer Chain, February 5. Following Easter the School of Missions will be the major project of our church. This school is being set up by Miss Goldie Ruth Wells, aunt of the minister. Had the Christian Drama Trio present Roger Williams and Mary on Sunday evening, January 11. The performance was unbelievably different and effective. Ray Helseth, minister.

TILLAMOOK: Three added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Pastor Aldis L. Webb is back in the pulpit after a three months' absence with a heart attack. We observed an "All-Church Watch Night Party" with a large attendance. Frances Smouce is chairman of the seventh annual School of Missions, January 18 - February 22. Dr. John E. Ross, from the Congo, was guest speaker, January 18. Vivian L. Mondhan, reporter.

ESTACADA: David Worden and his wife, JoAnn, were called to serve as our new ministers. Mr. Worden graduated from NCC last June; his wife will graduate this year. Our missionary giving has increased 30 per cent since September. Several special programs are being planned in connection with our 50th anniversary this year. A special candlelight

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communion was held Christmas Sunday and a musical program was given by a combined youth and adult choir. Evening services are also being held now, and a youth program is under way.

SHERIDAN: Three added by baptism, 4 otherwise. The new study for the minister is close to completion. This will be a great help in the counseling program. There was a New Year's Watch party with 48 present. Ralph Perry, minister.

MYRTLE POINT: Good attendance throughout the holiday season. Fine program for Christmas by children, climaxed by candlelight worship service put on by young married folks class. Ron Coulter was with us December 14. New officers for the year were elected, and we are looking forward to a very good year, hoping to be able to start the erection of our new educational unit by Easter. Rev. Hutton has made a wonderful recovery from the heart attack and is bringing the usual fine sermons with his oldtime power. Mrs. Hutton spoke at the Fifth-Sunday rally at Coquille on November 20.

MADRAS: Minister Jack Naff went with four youth to the NCC preview. The CYF presented a live nativity scene on the church lawn, December 22-23. This was a FIRST for Madras and was well accepted by many townspeople, who viewed the characters and animals as they presented the most important event in history. The men are planning a men's potluck, January 19, with Bob Mulkey of the Bend Church as speaker. Some 60 people attended the annual watch night party.

PORTLAND-SELLWOOD: Two added by baptism, 1 otherwise. We have begun a six-month comprehensive program called "Stewardship Advance." It includes actual commitments to giving, evangelism, and fellowship. Robert Clevenger, minister.

SEASIDE: Three added by transfer. Training class "Introducing the Bible" was well attended. W. R. Hensley, minister. **TURNER:** Four added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Earl Lyda, pastor.

ASTORIA: Two added by baptism. Annual Women's Day observance held December 7, with Mrs. Stanley Glick of Trent as guest speaker. New Allen organ purchased and installation is almost completed. Youth are busy with plans for youth week and C.E. birthday observance. Rex Lawson, minister.

EUGENE - WEST SIDE: William Thompson was guest speaker at the morning worship, January 11. Double services (8:45 and 11) continue with success. Completed plans for new auditorium will soon be in hands of church; meanwhile building fund grows. L. Elwell, pastor.

OCEANLAKE: The name has been legally changed from North Lincoln to Oceanlake Christian to avoid confusion as to our location. We had 839 out-of town visitors in 1958, which is more than double the previous year. The rainy weather has held up the pouring of the slab floor of our building. We believe that we have an excellent opportunity to obtain most of our lumber for a very low sum so that when the floor is finished we can begin the framing. Richard Larson, pastor.

ROCKAWAY: Weekday kindergarten continues to receive good response from community under church sponsorship. New furnishings have been added to class rooms of Bible School. A very successful and enjoyable three-day teacher's training course was conducted by Loma Mae Jones. Youth Crusade, with the Freemans, held February 1-6. Recreational room is being prepared by youth. Don Summers, pastor.

THE DALLES: Three added by transfer, 2 by re-dedication. A new missionary study group (The Tillicum) has been organized among the young married class. An overflow attendance saw our Sunday evening Christmas program was a tableaux and choir combination at the close. Presented our minister and wife with an electric fry pan and a check for our assistant minister. Sixty-three attended our Watch-Night party. Nine elders attended our elders' breakfast sponsored by our minister and wife. H. Harold Johnson, minister.

POWELL BUTTE: The annual New Year's Eve dinner and election were well attended with 75 present. The young people held a progressive dinner, January 10. D. L. Penhollow, pastor.

ST. HELENS: Three added by transfer. Plans are now under way for an extensive evangelistic effort under the direction of our department of evangelism and membership. February has been set aside as "Operation Doorbell" when a number of specially chosen couples will be engaged in cultivation calling. There will be one week of preaching, March 8-15, with our minister, Wayne Bryant, bringing the messages each evening followed by four nights of visitation evangelism with teams of trained men doing the calling. This program was undergirded by one week of continuous prayer, February 1-6. Attendance highlight in December was 225 in Bible School on December 14.

PORTLAND - ROCKWOOD: One added by baptism, 3 otherwise. Bible School was over 100 twice in December. Young people sponsored an all-church missionary program on December 14. A proposed budget of $7,649 for 1959 is proposed for our first church year. Resident membership is 65. Church officers elected January 8, with Walter Barnes as chairman of the congregation and Ted Boyer as assistant chairman. We have more men members than women. Can any other church in the state equal this? Elery Parrish, pastor.

MT. VERNON: Three added by baptism. About 175 people attended and participated in our Christmas program. The ladies sent about 300 quarts of food to the homes at Turner and Beaverton. Douglas Priest, pastor.

WOODBURN: Missionary giving has increased steadily in the last few years. In 1950 it was $200. This year (1958) $2300 was received, of which $2029 was paid out. George W. Springer, minister.

SALEM-LIBERTY: Figures for the year show largest income in our history at $11,956; $2534 was paid to completely retire the mortgages on the building. The organ was paid for. Seventeen additions during the year, 7 by baptism. New men's group has been formed. Installation service of new leaders held January 4 with G. R. Boatwright as chairman of the

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elders. Bible School average for 1958 was 165. Don Stram, minister.

HOOD RIVER — FIRST: The annual meeting was held January 11, with new officers elected. Our chairman of the board, Ken Jernstedt, is the new mayor of Hood River. We closed the year with a 200 per cent increase in per capita missionary giving. Dale Copsey, minister.

PORTA ORFORD: Mr. Read's lumber truck and its load of hay and young people carried the gospel in song to hundreds of homes here. The Christmas program each year attracts more people than the building will hold; so we have it at the Grange Hall. Again this year approximately 300 persons were on hand, 20 per cent of Port Orford's 1500 population. Don Whitney, pastor.

MILL CITY: Three of our high-school youth attended the Preview at NCC. The women conducted an excellent program on Sunday morning, December 7. Our choir presented a cantata on Sunday evening, December 21, entitled "The Story of the First Christmas." Our church held a Christmas eve worship program for the community. The CWF had a very fine fellowship and Christmas program at their general meeting in December. Larry Lawrence, minister.

HARRISBURG: Began classes for four age levels for the Sunday evening services followed by an assembly for devotionals and a fellowship period at the close. Had a week of evangelistic meetings in January led by Pastor Rex Jones. A drama group from NCC gave a play, January 18, which everyone enjoyed. Vivian Blehm, reporter.

BAKER: Four added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Minister Joe Jewett was just called for another year — soon to begin his twelfth. Extensive plans made for Youth Week. Harry Atkins of Dufur will lead us in a week of preaching geared especially for young people. Will have special dinners for 6th graders, junior-high young people and a Union CE rally, January 31. Howard Larson of Ontario will be guest speaker for the rally. Bob Muir was elected as Bible - school superintendent for the year. Plans are tentatively to begin building by fall.

ALBANY - FIRST: This was a busy place during December with a candlelighting carol service on the 7th, a progressive dinner for the Chi Rho on the 13th, a CYF Christmas banquet on the 14th, the choir concert on the 14th, and the Bible-School program and white gifts on the 21st. Mr. and Mrs. John Bredehoft were with us from the Northwestern Christian Home and received the white gifts. Oscar Cooper and Ed Dewees had previously told of the work of the Northwestern Christian Home and the Turner Memorial Home. Comprehensive evangelistic calling campaign begun in January. Lester Jones, pastor.

COQUILLE: One added by baptism, 3 otherwise. December 14, we held a new-member reception which was well attended. On December 21, we had a Christmas pageant and on Christmas eve the young people put on a special candlelight Christmas eve service. On New Year's eve a watch party was held at the parsonage. The ceiling tile has been completed in the educational wing, and the next project now is floor tile, which will be started soon. A new orchestra has been started. Flossie Wolgamott, reporter. Orris Doty, minister.

FOREST GROVE: Two added by baptism, 2 otherwise. We had a very fine Christmas season with several additions and good crowds. The Christmas eve service proved to be a lovely candlelight affair with real figures of Mary, Joseph and the Baby shown in the manger scene. January 18 began the School of Missions, with the subject, the Middle East. Enthusiasm is very high for evangelism. We plan to have 100 come forward on Palm Sunday. The Evangelism Commission and callers are busy getting calls and prospects lined up for this important season. Ninety-two people have been praying every day for 60 days for evangelism. Elby Boosinger, minister.

HILLSBORO: Two added by baptism, 1 otherwise. The goal of our Bible-school to keep the attendance total above that of the corresponding Sunday of one year ago proved successful during late October, November, and December. Our highest was 409 on December 21. The tile-laying work has begun; the sanctuary and one hall are finished and tile is on hand to complete the remaining untiled halls and rooms. A Christmas eve vesper service was well attended. A tea was held at the close of the vespers. We are looking forward to our School of Missions to be held each Sunday evening, February 8 - March 1. An evangelistic program, "Frontiers of Faith," will be undertaken for the year 1959. Jack Hann, minister.

NORTH BEND: Evangelistic services are to be held, February 1-11, with Fred Evans of Bremerton and song leader Orris Doty of Coquille. Oregon centennial is the inspiration for attendance contest with race from Independence, Missouri, to Oregon, between a red and blue covered wagon. Mrs. Charles Dennis, reporter. Len Fishback, pastor.

GLENWOOD: Our Christmas programs were well received again this year. We held an all-church caroling party, December 21. We were privileged to have Mrs. William Siefke as our speaker on Woman's Day. Our pastor has begun a very informative weekly class for new members Mrs. R. A. Cook, reporter. Don Campbell, pastor.

MOLALLA: Two added by baptism. Our Bible-School attendance continues to grow. On January 11, we went above our Easter attendance of last year. Fred Hatchell, pastor.

PENDLETON: Three added by transfer. Just finished finest year of stewardship of wealth in our history. Debt retirement program accelerated. Sunday school averaged 22 per Sunday higher than 1957. Donald Payne, minister.

REDMOND: The Christmas cantata which was given December 21 and the children's Christmas program given December 22 were both outstanding programs and were well attended. Mrs. T. H. Moody, reporter. Dick Merriman, minister.

ROSEBURG: Just before Christmas, our choir director, S. Clarence Trued, directed "The Messiah" with a choir of 120 voices composed of several choirs of our city churches, 38 members of our group cooperating. It was acclaimed wonderful by all who heard it. Our Bible-School has been averaging close to 500 during the winter months. A School of Missions is planned in February and March. B. Ross Evans, ad interim minister.

HALSEY: Two added by baptism. The sanctuary was packed for the Christmas program and every one present enjoyed the music and pageant followed by refreshments and time for fellowship. The building addition is progressing nicely in spite of the weather. The roof is complete and the next item will be windows and masonry. The entire project is being handled by the congregation under the leadership of the minister. Robert Gates, minister.

NEWPORT: Two added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Dr. John Ross spoke in one of the large auditoriums of the city on January 23, with all churches invited to attend. On January 11, Ray C. Smith preached the dedication sermon for the organ in the sanctuary given in the memory of June Edwards. It was a stirring and inspirational service. Arlo B. Bristow, ad interim minister.

CEDAR HILLS: One added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Second annual scholarship dinner was held November 14 with 100 guests and members present. Ergun Incekara, Istanbul, Turkey, was speaker of the evening. A stewardship emphasis was held in November with 75 per cent of the giving units indicating they would tithe or give regularly to the church and its missionary interests. Everett Cecil, minister.

BEND: An observation school, primary in-service course, under the leadership of Mrs. Bud Parks, member of the State Children's work committee, was launched January 18, as the initial step in a three-year plan of leadership education. The personal appearance of Dr. John Ross gave an inspiring beginning to the School of Missions, which is directed by Mrs. W. I. Palmer, chairman of the Commission on Education. Our minister, Robert H. Mulkey, was elected president of the Bend Ministerial association. Margaret Swanson, reporter.

LEBANON: Dr. John Ross spoke at a special service, January 22. We cooperated in the brotherhood chain of prayer from January 1 — Easter, observing January 23 as our 24-hour prayer period. The CWF was in charge of the Week of Compassion observance, February 10, with Robert Nelson as our speaker. The church school is growing with a "Bridge Building program" from January 1 - Easter. Our annual School of Missions began, January 18, with our former pastor, L. O. White, as guest speaker. Verna Stitt, reporter. David Nutting, minister.

EUGENE - ALLISON PARK: Five added by transfer. Attendance is running 10 per cent higher than a year ago. We have begun an extended session for the children in the church school. The new building is progressing steadily. The men are now working on heating and floor. The trusses are ready to be put up. Eleanor Inman, reporter. Earl Sample, minister.

PORTLAND - ST. JOHNS: Three added by baptism. William L. Thompson was guest speaker on January 18. "A Cry in the Night" was shown on the evening of January 18. The membership department is sponsoring round-up nights for fellowship and instruction through the various districts of the Congregation during the month of January. Nearly seventy young persons and sponsors participated in the all-night party on New Year's Eve. Movies and food were featured. Jess Johnson, pastor.

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